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\$235,000 Settlement Reached with Pacific Steel, Inc.

San Diego --- The California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) has reached a \$235,000 settlement with Pacific Steel, Inc. (PSI) for hazardous waste violations at its 1700 Cleveland Avenue facility in National City, San Diego County. PSI is a scrap metal recycler that formerly operated an auto shredder at this location.

Under terms of the Final Judgment and Injunction (Judgment) signed at the end of July 2004, PSI will pay a total of \$235,000 of which \$131,250 is administrative penalties, \$45,000 is reimbursement of costs incurred by DTSC and \$58,750 is for a Supplemental Environmental Project payable to the California Environmental Enforcement and Training Account. A copy of the Judgment formalizing the settlement is available on the DTSC website at http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/HazardousWaste/PSI/PSI_ENF_Final-Order.pdf.

The settlement stems from violations observed during inspections by DTSC on September 5 and 6, 2002 at three separate parcels of the PSI facility. Some of the violations included:

- Unlawful storage of hazardous waste
- Unlawful treatment of soil contaminated with hazardous waste by use of various equipment
- Unlawful disposal of soil contaminated with hazardous waste

The California Environmental Enforcement Training Account provides a supplemental source of funding for environmental enforcement and training for public prosecutors, peace officers, firefighters, and local and state environmental regulators. The Training Account also supports the Circuit Prosecutors Project, a joint partnership of the California Environmental Protection Agency, the California District Attorneys Association, and the Department of Fish and Game.

PSI has corrected all the violations noted in the Judgment.

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The Department of Toxic Substances Control's mission is to restore, protect, and enhance the environment and ensure public health, environmental quality and economic vitality by regulating hazardous waste, conducting and overseeing cleanups, and developing and promoting pollution prevention.